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SUBJECT: DRUG ABUSE CONTROL: SCHURMANN VISIT

REF: GENEVA 51 (NOT SENT BANGKOK)

1. SUMMARY: SCHURMANN LEFT JAKARTA MARCH 9 AFTER WELL-PUBLICIZED, WELL- RECEIVED FIVE- DAY VISIT CONCENTRATING ON DISCUSSIONS WITH INDONESIAN EXPERTS IN ENFORCEMENT AND ADDICT TREATMENT. IN PRESS CONFERENCE HE SAID DRUG PROBLEM IN INDONESIA NOT YET SERIOUS BUT BEARS WATCHING.

2. POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON SCHURMANN JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO PAY RESPECTS AND EXCHANGE IMPRESSIONS. SCHURMANN CONFIRMED IN PRIVATE HIS PUBLICLY- STATED VIEW THAT DRUG PROBLEM NOT YET SERIOUS IN INDONESIA AND CONSISTED MAINLY OF MARIJUANA USE. SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND DEDICATION OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY GENERAL SOEKARDJO AND COLONEL SIBARANI, BUT DISTURBED AT TERRIBLE INADEQUACY OF ADDICT TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES. HE SAID ATTORNEY GENERAL' S OFFICE HAD CONFIRMED THAT DRAFTING OF MODERN

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ANTI- NARCOTICS LEGISLATION IS MOVING ALONG WELL AND
SHOULD SOON BE PASSED INTO LAW.

3. SCHURMANN SAID FUAD HASSAN DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE FOR
STRATEGIC STUDIES, WHICH HAS CLOSE DEFENSE AND SECURITY
SERVICES TIES, TOLD HIM HE CONSIDERING PUTTING ALL ADDICTS
ON AN ISOLATED ISLAND WHERE THEY WOULD BE REASONABLY WELL
TREATED BUT TOTALLY CUT OFF FROM ANY SOURCE OF DRUGS.
FUAD HASSAN SAID THIS WAS ONLY REALISTIC WAY TO PREVENT
RECIDIVISM. SCHURMANN SAID PRIVATELY HE DID NOT ENCOURAGE
THIS PROJECT AND SAW IN IT POSSIBLITY OF POLITICAL MISCHIEF.

4. SCHURMANN SAID UN PLANNED TO SEND UN REGIONAL ADVISER
ON NARCOTICS TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND HAD SOUNDED OUT
SINGAPORE AS BASE. SAID TOP SINGAPOREAN ENFORCEMENT
OFFICIAL SAID SMUGLY SINGAPORE HAS NO NEED FOR ASSISTANCE
AND DID NOT WELCOME SCHURMANN'S PROPOSAL THAT THIS REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVE BE BASED THERE. SCHURMANN SAID INDONESIANS
MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE HIM BASED IN JAKARTA AND HE IS
SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING RECOMMENDING THIS EVEN THOUGH
JAKARTA IS NEITHER CENTRAL POINT NOR IMPORTANT LOCUS OF
PROBLEM.

5. SCHURMANN SAID HE HAD ASKED INDONESIANS TO CONTRIBUTE
TO UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL, NOTING
IMPORTANCE OF GETTING AS MANY COUNTRIES INVOLVED AS
POSSIBLE. INDONESIANS SAID THEY WILLING TO HELP BUT HAD
GREAT BUDGETARY PROBLEMS AND ASKED WHAT WOULD BE SMALLEST
POSSIBLE ACCEPTABLE CONTRIBUTION.

6. SCHURMANN SAID HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE IN CURRENT
POSITION MUCH LONGER BECAUSE SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM
IS LOOKING FOR A YOUNGER MAN AS HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL.

7. SCHURMANN COMMENTED WARMLY ON HIS EXCELLENT RELATIONS
WITH US MISSION GENEVA AND HIS REGARD FOR DEDICATION OF
AMERICANS WITH WHOM HE HAD WORKED AROUND THE WORLD ON
DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. POUCHING CLIPPINGS OF HIS PRESS CON-
FERENCE TO EA/ RA DEPARTMENT AND MAILING TO HIM PRSONALLY
AT GENEVA.
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